## Maine Office of Substance Abuse (BDS) and the Underage Drinking Task Force

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# ANOTHER PROJECT STICKER SHOCK OPPORTUNITY: DECEMBER 2002 CAMPAIGN

## What Is Project Sticker Shock?

- ? A statewide public awareness campaign that places stickers on multi-packs of beer, wine coolers, and other alcohol products that appeal to underage drinkers. Posters are also available for cooler doors.
- ? ? Aims to discourage adults 21 years of age and older from providing alcohol to minors.
- ? ? Each campaign wave has involved more than 15 youth and community groups and over 400 retailers, which range from small convenience stores to large supermarkets.
- ? ? Sponsored by the Maine Office of Substance Abuse (BDS), the Maine Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, and the Underage Drinking Task Force.

### Maine Youth: Key Ingredients for Project Sticker Shock's Success!



Members of Gardiner's Underage Drinking Project pose for the camera while applying stickers at a participating retailer!

#### Important Guidelines for Project Sticker Shock

- Stickers should be placed on multi-packs, not directly on bottles or cans
- ? Stickers should not cover brand names or bar codes!
- Youth under age 21 must have adult supervision at all times (both chaperones & store staff)
- If packages must be moved to apply stickers, only the adults should handle the alcohol

### What People Are Saying About Project Sticker Shock...

"This program was very easy to implement, and our employees were enthusiastic about participating. We take our responsibility of not selling alcohol to minors very seriously. We look forward to participating again!"

- Charon Curtis, Clipper Marts Management

"The Sticker Shock Program was a great success. I was surprised and very pleased to see how many high school students believe in this cause, as well as adult members of the community who volunteered to transport and supervise the youth. Uniformed officers were also present during the events. The program brought together people that normally do not meet."

-Ptl. Jamie Dodge, York Police Department

"Sticker Shock was a fabulous opportunity to team up with retailers and law enforcement in a community project, to build awareness around purchasing for minors. We "Sticker Shocked" 34 stores, gained great publicity, and had so much fun it felt almost illegal!"

- Maxine Beecher, Coordinator of S. Portland Underage Drinking Community Coalition



## Why Participate In Project Sticker Shock?

- ? ? Raises public awareness about underage drinking and youth access to alcohol.
- ? ? Builds collaboration between youth, retailers, concerned parents, community members, law enforcement, and prevention professionals.
- ? ? Strengthens the deterrent effect of the law against providing alcohol to minors.
- ? ? Generates positive media coverage, including newspaper articles/editorials, and news stories and public service announcements on radio and television.

Kicks off on December 2nd on Alcohol Awareness Day and continues through New Years

The December 2002 Campaign marks the fourth time Project Sticker Shock has been implemented state-wide!

Adapted from a youth group in Pennsylvania and first implemented in Maine by Fort Kent Area Community Voices in February, 2001.

# Project Sticker Shock Sign-Up

To participate in the December 2002 Sticker Shock	☐ YES! We want to participate in the December 2002 Sticker Shock!	
Campaign, please return this form BY NOVEMBER 15th * to the O.S.A. Information & Resource Center:	ORGANIZATION/STORE  CONTACT PERSON	
<i>By Fax:</i> (207) 287-8910		
Or By Mail: Office of Substance Abuse Information & Resource Center	MAILING A	DDRESS
159 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0159 *requests after November 15th will be honored.	CITY/STATE	Z/ZIP
Questions?	PHONE #	
Contact the Information & Resource Center at: Phone: 1-800-499-0027	FAX #	
TTY: 1-800-215-7604 E-mail: osa.ircosa@state.me.us	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
A sticker shock handbook for youth/ community groups can be downloaded at: www.maineosa.org/prevention/sticker	☐ Store	Ck the option which best applies:  Please Complete Box A below!  Community Group Please Complete Box B below!
or call the number above to request a copy.	Other Group or Organization-Please complete Box B below! (Please specify)	
Box A: FOR PARTICIPATING STORES TO	COMPLETE!	Box B: FOR PARTICIPATING GROUPS TO COMPLET
1. How many 8 x 11 posters would you like to hang  How many of each of the following types of stores where the following types of the follow		

#### sell alcohol do you anticipate involving in the program? in your store? 2. Approximately how many multi-packs of each of the Large Grocery Stores: following types of alcoholic beverages do you expect to sell (on average) in a week during the month of Smaller Grocery Stores: the campaign (Dec 2nd through new Year's)? Convenience Stores: Beer: per week (i.e. 6, 12, 24 & 30 packs) Irving **Cumberland Farms** Big Apple Clipper Mart Other (other convenience or variety stores) Other: per week (i.e., wine coolers, malt beverages) Other Stores: (I.e., pharmacies, liquor stores) Total # of Stickers per week

#### Please Note:

Our intention is to provide enough stickers for each participating store/group to carry the campaign from December 2nd through New Year's depending on the volume of requests and the availability of stickers!